

# **JUANITA RICH**

## **Candidate for Council President**

I, Juanita Rich, am a candidate for Council President. I am married to Ronald Rich, son of William D. Rich and the late Theresa Butchko Rich. We have been married for the past 37 years and have two grown daughters; Jessica Szenborn (Daniel) and Jennifer Rich. We also have three beautiful grandchildren; Jalen, Janessa, and Samantha.

I am currently employed at Akron City Hospital and Southwoods Surgery Center as a certified surgical technologist in the operating room. Prior to that, I was employed as an agent/receptionist at Abeid Insurance for 24 years.

I have been actively involved in the community as a coach and manager for the Campbell Girls Softball League for over 25 years, also serving as League president and vice-president. I am a member of Bible Baptist Temple and taught Sunday school there for over 20 years.

I served as 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilwoman from 1989 to 1995. I was elected again in 2007, and in January 2011, I was appointed to the position of Council President.

During my tenure, I have worked with city officials to have abandoned lots maintained. Many vacant houses and buildings have been demolished through grants awarded to the city. I have worked closely with our Storm Water consultant to alleviate drainage problems on Hamrock. A project was recently completed to alleviate flooding on Wilson Avenue. Through grants obtained, we were able to have Coitsville, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, and Struthers-Liberty paved. Buell, Eastern, and 16<sup>th</sup> Street will be paved in September. We are applying for a \$350,000.00 grant to get Lettie, Sanderson, Penhale, and Mary Knoll paved in 2012. We have also applied for a \$300,000.00 grant to eliminate flooding problems on Pin Oaks, Kendall, Almasy, Devitt, Penhale, and Tenney. We will begin a drainage clean-out of all of Roosevelt Park in late October, and plan to pave the entire park in 2012. The City is also actively engaged in developing the Brownfields for economic development, such as building a new sanitary lift station, widening and improving road access, and obtained state grants for remediation and clean-up of the Pickling Line property for \$727,000 and of the Sherman International property for \$300,000.00.

My top priority if retained is to continue moving the city forward and out of fiscal emergency. I am proud to say that, after the financial roller-coaster of 2010, Campbell can now project a positive cash balance for the next five years. I would also like to work towards making further improvements to Roosevelt Park such as new playground equipment and an overhaul of all park pavilions.

My vote in city council is never taken lightly because I keep the citizen's best interest solely in mind. I will continue to scrutinize each and every piece of legislation brought before me and assign it to the appropriate committees. I will continue to respect and uphold the city's charter.

I would appreciate your support in the General Election on November 8, 2011. May God bless you and our city.

Sincerely,

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